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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6163**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1235

**NOTE PREPARED:** Nov 17, 2008

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Poll Closing Time.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Bartlett

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill requires the polls in each precinct to close at 9 p. m. rather than 6 p.m. on election day. The bill provides that the time at which half-day precinct election officers change is 1:30 p.m. rather than noon on election day. The bill makes conforming amendments.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2009.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** *Summary-* Additional hours of operation could lead to an increase in precinct election board per diem expenditures. Any actual increase to local expenditures would depend on the decision of each county executive or town fiscal body to adjust per diem. Any increases in expenses that are not personnel-related would also depend on each precinct's requirements for use of election supplies and facilities for three additional hours.

**Background Information:** Based on a small sample of Indiana counties, per diem for election board members can range from \$65 to \$150 for inspectors and from \$40 to \$100 for judges, clerks, and sheriffs.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Counties, towns, and precincts.

**Information Sources:**

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